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## DISCIPLINE - FAQ

All coaches Under-9 to Under-18 and players Under-13 to Under-18 are bound by the disciplinary minimums set out by the Manitoba Soccer Association and which can be found at the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association website (insert link here)

The following details some of the Frequently Asked Questions regarding the general rules and application of the MSA Disciplinary Minimums. For a complete listing of offences and minimum suspensions please consult the WYSA website.

**A) Do the current MSA Mandatory Minimums apply to all youth players and coaches?**

No. The MSA Disciplinary Minimums only apply to players U13 – U18 and to all coaches coaching in the WYSA league. Discipline for players U9 – U12 is handled by the WYSA youth disciplinarian.

**B) What do the points mean in the new Mandatory minimums document?**

Each dismissal offence, with the exception of a double caution, carries a point value – violent conduct is 5 points, spitting at an opponent is 10 points etc. If a person accumulates 20 or more points in a 12 month period that person will be suspended from playing soccer for a 12 month period

**C) What do I do if one of my players received a red card in a league game?**

Players receiving a red card in a league game are automatically ejected from the game and required to leave the vicinity of the game – out of sight and sound. They are also required to sit out their next scheduled league or competition game.

They will be contacted by WYSA regarding the length of the suspension. WYSA will keep the card until the suspension is served.

**D) *It says in the MSA Discipline document that violent conduct results in a two game suspension for a first offence but one of my players received 4 games for his first offence.***

The listed suspension for dismissal offences are designed to be minimums and as such different actions may warrant different suspension depending on severity of the offence. For *example*, a player that pushes someone defensively may warrant a 2 game suspension whereas a player who attacks another and punches them may deserve 8 games.

**E) One of my players was red carded in a league game but we are leaving for a tournament before they can serve their suspension. Is he/she allowed to play in the tournament?**

Yes, unless a player or coach has been suspended from all soccer, the suspension is served in the league in which the card was awarded. If the card was awarded in a league game the



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suspension would be served in a league game. If the suspension was awarded in a MSA sanctioned tournament the suspension is served in that tournament. If there is no opportunity to serve the suspension in the tournament then it will be served in the next scheduled league game.

**F) Can a player on a pooled team play in a PD game if they were suspended during a Premier game.**

No. Both PD and Premier are part of the same WYSA league and a suspension in one carries over to the other.

**G) My player received a 3 game suspension during the last game of outdoor. Are they required to serve the suspension during the indoor season?**

Unless otherwise dictated by the WYSA disciplinarian, suspensions in outdoor will be served in outdoor and suspensions in indoor will be served during indoor.

**H) My player just received a third yellow card in league play. Is it true they are suspended for one game?**

Yes. Players receiving three cautions in the same league, season or competition will be suspended for one game. The 2011 outdoor WYSA league would constitute a league and the MSA Cup Championship or Golden Boy Tournament would constitute a competition.

**I) My player received 2 cautions in the Golden Boy and 1 caution in league play. Are they suspended for a game?**

No. The 3 caution rule applies to cards received in the same league or competition.

**J) My player received 2 yellow cards in the same game. Do they count toward their season totals?**

No. 2 yellow cards in the same game is considered a red card for which a player will receive a 1 game suspension and thus they do not count in season totals.

**K) I am a coach of two teams. I received a 3 game suspension. Am I also suspended from coaching my other team?**

No. Unless you have been suspended from all soccer activities you can continue to coach with your other team while you serve your suspension with the team it was awarded.

**L) If I am ejected from a game can I sit on the spectator's side of the field?**

No. Players and coaches ejected from a game are required to leave the vicinity which means out of sight and sound of the referee. In indoor it means leaving the building or going to the dressing room.



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**M) One of my players was given a red card because he wouldn't stop arguing with the ref who made a really bad call. Can he appeal the ref's decision?**

For the most part, real time decisions of a referee are final and WYSA will not reverse a call unless – by the refs own admission – he/she erred. While any player or coach is free to file an appeal of a suspension generally speaking the only issues that can be subject of an appeal are severity of a sanction or the introduction of new information that was not available at the time the suspension was awarded.

Any appeal must be accompanied by a \$200 deposit which will not be returned unless the appeal is successful. Please see the coaches handbook for more details regarding appeals.

If you have any other questions regarding discipline please consult the complete MSA Mandatory minimums document found on the WYSA website or call the WYSA office at 204-233-8899

# MANITOBA DISCIPLINARY MINIMUMS

## APPLICATION & ADMINISTRATION

· The *Disciplinary Minimums* are recommended minimum guidelines. A Discipline or Appeal Committee is empowered to deviate from these guidelines in circumstances of the first player to player offense where, in their judgment, circumstances exist that render these guidelines inappropriate by being either too lenient or too punitive in the judgment of the Committee. In circumstances where the Committee renders a decision below the recommended guidelines, a written explanation must be filed by the Committee with the MSA Discipline Committee within 5 days of the decision.

· The *Disciplinary Minimums* are only applicable to players on teams 13 years and older. Players 12 years and younger will not follow these guidelines, but will be subject to the Youth Disciplinarian, who has the authority to use these guidelines as punishment. All Club Officials, regardless of age and competition are under the jurisdiction of the *Disciplinary Minimums*.

· The Discipline and Appeal Committee shall have the power to suspend a person for all or specific soccer activity either permanently, indefinitely or for a stated period of time.

· Points shall be accumulated from the following competitions: MSA sanctioned adult and youth leagues, MSA sanctioned tournaments, Provincial Championship Competitions, CSA Regional/National Championship Competitions, PDL, CMISL, CIS, MCAC and MHSAA.

· Points shall not be accumulated for exhibition games or any tournament that takes place outside of Manitoba, although all sanctions will be enforced.

· Offences are independent of each other, unless it is the same offence in which it would then be considered a second or third offence for punishment purposes.

· With the exception of a time suspension or suspension from all soccer activities, game suspensions only to apply to the competition in which it was received. Game suspensions that have not been served in the competition they were received, shall then be served during league play. Suspensions received during the outdoor season that are not completely served during the outdoor season it was received, shall carry over to the next outdoor season in which the person is registered. Suspensions received during the indoor season that are not completely served during the indoor season it was received, shall carry over to the next indoor season in which the person is registered.

· If a person is registered with more than one Club in the same competition, matches missed from either team shall count towards the suspension. With the exception of a time suspension or suspension from all soccer activities, a person may be permitted to participate with a different Club or Team in a different competition other than the competition from which the person was suspended. Registrations that occur after a suspension shall not count towards the suspension.

· A player or club official who is suspended cannot be released/replaced during the current playing season until the suspension is served or the playing season is over - whichever is first.

· All cases of red card dismissals and further misconduct, other than those involving physical contact with match officials, attempted physical contact with match officials, or threatening behaviour towards match officials, shall be dealt with by the District/League Association in whose jurisdiction the alleged offence took place.

· All cases involving physical contact, attempted physical contact or threatening behavior towards match officials shall be dealt with by the Provincial Association.

· Affiliated Members of the MSA shall have the opportunity to request guidance with regards to discipline situations that do not clearly fall within the Disciplinary Minimums punishable offences.

· As part of due diligence, for decisions that sanction a person for a period of 12 months or longer and prior to the decision being made public, the Member Associations conducting Discipline and Appeal Hearings are to forward the decision to the MSA Discipline Committee who would have 48 hours to provide any comments to the corresponding Discipline or Appeal Committee.

· All Leagues are required to post all sanctions on their website which includes the decision of the Discipline Committee and Appeal Committee and details on the terms of the suspension.

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## DEFINITIONS

<b>12 MONTH PERIOD</b>	The 12 month period refers to the date of the first dismissal offence is committed, regardless of the type of offence or playing season. The 12 month period expires a year after the last dismissal offence, regardless of the type of offence or playing season. An offence will not count towards the accumulation of offences (sanctions and points) once 12 months have passed since its occurrence, however cumulative offences will be considered when reviewing the individuals history.
<b>CLUB OFFICIAL</b>	Refers to any team representative, coach, trainer or manager. Will also refer to any person who represents a Club or Team in an official capacity such as President, Treasurer, Director or equivalent.
<b>COMPETITION</b>	Refers to any CSA/MSA sanctioned competition or league during the indoor or outdoor season.
<b>COMPETITION OFFICIAL</b>	Refers to any person representing the organizers of a competition.
<b>FINES</b>	Refers to the monetary amount associated with specific punishable offences. Fines are only applied to adults, which may include an adult coach or manager in a youth league. Fines are not to be applied to youth players but may be applied against the youth team or youth club.
<b>GAME SUSPENSION</b>	Refers to the number of games a person is suspended for. Game suspensions are to be served in the competition they are received and shall start the next game following the offence in the same seasonal competition. All game suspensions are to be served in consecutive games and cannot be served in tournaments or exhibition games. Suspensions received during the outdoor season that are not completely served during the outdoor season it was received, shall carry over to the next outdoor season in which the person is registered. Suspensions received during the indoor season that are not completely served during the indoor season it was received, shall carry over to the next indoor season in which the person is registered. Game suspensions that have not been served in the competition they were received, shall then be served during league play.
<b>MATCH OFFICIAL</b>	Refers to the referee and assistant referees.
<b>POINTS</b>	Refers to the number of points associated with each dismissal offence.
<b>POINT ACCUMULATION</b>	Points are accumulated and totalled for all offences committed during a 12 month period regardless of the offence or playing season. If a person accumulates 20 or more points during a 12 month period, that person will be suspended for a period of 12 months. Once a person is suspended for a 12 month period due to the accumulation of 20 or more points, the person will begin the new cycle of a 12 month period and zero points once the 12 month suspension is completed and the person registers. The 12 month suspension begins with the date of the offence that accumulated 20 or more points. Game suspensions convert to the time suspension when the offender accumulates 20 or more points. Points <u>shall be accumulated</u> from the following competitions: MSA sanctioned adult and youth leagues, MSA sanctioned tournaments, Provincial Championship Competitions, CSA Regional/National Championship Competitions, PDL, CMISL, CIS, MCAC and MHSAA. Points <u>shall not be accumulated</u> for exhibition games or any tournament that takes place outside of Manitoba, although all sanctions will be enforced.
<b>SANCTION</b>	Refers to a suspension and terms.
<b>SEASON</b>	Refers to either the indoor or outdoor season.
<b>SEASONAL COMPETITION</b>	Specifically refers to a CSA/MSA sanctioned competition during either the indoor or outdoor season.
<b>SERIOUS FOUL PLAY</b>	When a player uses excessive force or brutality against an opponent <u>when challenging for the ball</u> when it is in play.
<b>TIME SUSPENSION</b>	Refers to a suspension that is determined by a stated period of time rather than a number of games.
<b>VICINITY OF PLAYING AREA</b>	Refers to the sight and sound of the playing area.
<b>VIOLENT CONDUCT</b>	A player is guilty of violent conduct if he uses excessive force or brutality against an opponent <u>when not challenging for the ball</u> . He is also guilty of violent conduct if he uses excessive force or brutality against a team-mate, spectator, match official or any other person. Violent Conduct may occur either on the field of play or outside its boundaries, whether the ball is in play or not, before, during or after the match.

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YELLOW CARDS		SUSPENSION	FINE	YELLOW CARD ACCUMULATION		
1)	Player received 3 yellow cards during the seasonal competition	1 game	No Fine	<i>A player who receives a red card for any offence other than 2 yellow cards and was previously cautioned will have the yellow card added to the seasonal competition total.</i>  <i>If a player receives two yellow cards in the same match, they do not count towards the yellow card seasonal competition total.</i>		
2)	Player received 5 yellow cards during the seasonal competition	2 games	No Fine			
3)	Player received 7 yellow cards during the seasonal competition	Open to Discipline Committee	Open to Discipline Committee			
RED CARD DISMISSALS PLAYER(S) AND CLUB OFFICIAL(S)		1 <sup>ST</sup> OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	2 <sup>ND</sup> OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	3 <sup>RD</sup> OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	ADDITIONAL OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	
<b>Suspensions for the first player to player offence may be reduced based on extenuating circumstances - The Committee must provide a written explanation to the MSA Discipline Committee</b>						
1)	Violent Conduct	Suspension / (Points)	2 Games / (5)	7 Games / (8)	1 full year / (10)	N/A
		Fine	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$150.00	N/A
2)	Serious Foul Play	Suspension / (Points)	2 Games / (4)	5 Games / (7)	1 full year / (10)	N/A
		Fine	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$100.00	N/A
3)	Spitting at an opponent or any other person	Suspension / (Points)	10 games / (10)	1 year / (12)	N/A	N/A
		Fine	\$100.00	\$250.00	N/A	N/A
4)	Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	Suspension / (Points)	1 game / (4)	3 games / (6)	6 games / (8)	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	Discipline Committee
5)	Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick	Suspension / (Points)	1 game / (4)	3 games / (6)	6 games / (8)	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	Discipline Committee
6a)	Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures <u>not directed at a person</u>	Suspension / (Points)	1 game / (4)	3 games / (6)	6 games / (8)	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	Discipline Committee
6b)	Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures <u>directed at a person</u>	Suspension / (Points)	3 Games / (5)	6 Games / (8)	1 full year / (10)	N/A
		Fine	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	Discipline Committee
7)	Receives a second caution in the same match	Suspension / (Points)	1 game / (4)	3 games / (6)	6 games / (8)	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	Discipline Committee
8)	Fails to conduct themselves in a responsible manner (includes all incidences before, during and after a match)	Suspension / (Points)	Suspension, fine and/or point accumulation is open to the Discipline and Appeal Committee			
		Fine				
ADDITIONAL RED CARD DISMISSALS PLAYER(S) AND CLUB OFFICIAL(S)		1 <sup>ST</sup> OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	2 <sup>ND</sup> OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	3 <sup>RD</sup> OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	ADDITIONAL OFFENCE 12 MONTH PERIOD	
9)	Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures towards a game official	Suspension / (Points)	3-6 games / (5)	12 games / (7)	1 year / (10)	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$40.00 to \$ 100.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	Discipline Committee
	Continuing to direct abusive language at an official	Club Fine	\$100.00			
10)	Fails to leave vicinity of playing area in timely manner after being dismissed	Suspension / (Points)	6 additional games / (6)			
		Fine	Discipline Committee			

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LIFETIME OFFENCES PLAYER(S) AND CLUB OFFICIAL(S)		1 <sup>ST</sup> LIFETIME OFFENCE	2 <sup>ND</sup> LIFETIME OFFENCE	3 <sup>RD</sup> LIFETIME OFFENCE	ADDITIONAL LIFETIME OFFENCE	
1)	Club Official found guilty of falsification of identities or signatures or of complicity in same	Suspension	6 months	1 year	5 years	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	Discipline Committee
2)	Club Official knowingly played an ineligible player	Suspension	6 months	1 year	5 years	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$350.00	Discipline Committee
3)	Club Official knowingly tampered with a player registered with another teams	Suspension	5 years	Life	N/A	N/A
		Fine	\$1,000.00	N/A		
4)	Club Official found guilty of refusing to supply available information to the Discipline or Appeal Committee concerning a charge of misconduct	Suspension	Until the information is provided and for an additional period to be established by the Discipline or Appeal Committee			
		Fine				
5)	Club Official failed to have a parent or spectator removed from match at the request of the Match Official	Club Fine	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	Discipline Committee
6)	Player knowingly played as an ineligible player <i>*NOTE 1 (Committee must provide a written explanation to the MSA Discipline Committee)</i>	Suspension	5 games	10 games	1 year	Discipline Committee
		Fine	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	Discipline Committee
7)	Physical contact or attempted physical contact with a Match Official including throwing of objects and/or spitting (Directly to the MSA Discipline Committee)	Suspension	1 Year	5 Years	Life	N/A
		Fine	\$250.00	\$500.00		
8)	Threatening behavior towards a Match Official (Directly to the MSA Discipline Committee)	Suspension	1 Year	5 Years	Life	N/A
		Fine	\$250.00	\$500.00		
9)	Conduct unbecoming	Suspension, fine and/or point accumulation are open to the Discipline and Appeal Committee				
10)	Bringing the game into disrepute (includes all incidences before, during and after a match, dismissal and/or during the off-season)	Suspension, fine and/or point accumulation are open to the Discipline and Appeal Committee				
11)	Violating terms of a suspension	Open to the Discipline and Appeal Committee but a minimum doubling of sentence and fines shall be enforced				

**\*NOTE 1:** Suspension for the first offence may be reduced based on extenuating circumstances - The Committee must provide a written explanation to the MSA Discipline Committee

## While under suspension from all soccer activity a person is not allowed to:

- Register with any CSA/MSA registered Club or Association.
- Play in any CSA/MSA sanctioned league, exhibition game, practice or tournament.
- Act in any capacity as a board member, executive or official with any CSA/MSA registered Club or Association.
- Communicate with any CSA/MSA registered player or club official for the purpose of mentoring, coaching or advising players or coaches during any sanctioned game or team practice.
- Be within fifty (50) meters of any CSA/MSA registered club's bench in any outdoor competitions, if the person is a player, but may attend any game as a spectator. For indoor facilities the player must remain in the spectator area, may not enter the field of play or team bench area at any time.
- Attend games as a spectator, if the person is a team official. This is defined as keeping away from sight or sound of a match involving the team or teams from which they have been suspended.
- Officiate as a referee or assistant referee in any CSA/MSA sanctioned game or competition.

**If a person while under suspension violates any of the above conditions or brings the game into disrepute or causes the game to be disrupted by their presence or actions they will be subject to further sanctioning.**